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Amendments to the specification:

On page 1, after the title, please replace the paragraph at lines 8-12 with the following amended paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/31169, filed 30 December 1999, designating the United States of America, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. ~~09/244,426~~ 09/224,426, filed December 31, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,221,613 B1, issued April 24, 2001, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the present application.--

On page 37, please replace the second full paragraph on the page with the following amended paragraph:

--This plasmid (pEXJ.HR-TL231) was deposited on September 17, 1998, with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), [12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20852, U.S.A.] 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209, U.S.A. under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty for the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure and was accorded ATCC Accession No. 203197.--